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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 448
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Lisa Tollett, "Miss Tennessee USA 2001," upon being selected as a Top Ten Finalist at the Miss USA Pageant.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such exemplary citizen is "Miss Tennessee USA 2001," Lisa Tollett, who was chosen as a Top Ten Finalist at the Miss USA Pageant; and

WHEREAS, At the national competition, Miss Tollett competed against forty-nine other State winners, in addition to contestants from Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, in various categories, including interview, swimsuit, rapid-fire question- and-answer press conference, and evening wear; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being selected as a Top Ten Miss USA Finalist and as Miss Tennessee USA 2001, she has previously been honored as the 1994 Cumberland County Fairest of the Fair and first runner-up in the Tennessee Fairest of the Fair 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Lisa Tollett's considerable accomplishments are a great source of pride for her family, her community, and this State; and

WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Miss Tollett attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, from which she graduated in 1999 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, She displayed tremendous athletic and artistic ability as a talented University of Tennessee Cheerleader and as member of the University of Tennessee Aqua Vols; and

WHEREAS, As an active member of the University of Tennessee student body, Lisa Tollett has served as a Hostess for the University of Tennessee Men's Basketball Team and as a valuable member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young woman is currently employed by Warner Brothers Television at WBXX in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, A conscientious member of her community, Lisa has generously volunteered with the Angel Tree Foundation and at Susan Koman Breast Cancer Fundraiser events; she also serves as a spokesperson for the Cumberland County Drug Alliance, and Teens Against Drugs; and

WHEREAS, As a Top Ten Finalist in the Miss USA Pageant, Miss Tollett represented the State of Tennessee and its citizens with the utmost decorum, grace, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Tollett epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Miss Tollett for her significant achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Miss Tennessee USA 2001, Lisa

Tollett, upon being named one of the Top Ten Finalists at the Miss USA Pageant, commend her on her dedication, enthusiasm and persistence, recognize her exceptional strength of character, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.